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KC MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ID THEFT, COMPUTER FRAUD, CREDIT CARD FRAUD

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to identity theft, computer fraud and credit card fraud resulting in a loss totaling more than \$32,000.

Michael Dennis Kinnard, 36, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon.

By pleading guilty, **Kinnard** admitted that he used a Social Security number belonging to another person between Jan. 28 and Sept. 23, 2003, with the intent to commit a computer fraud. **Kinnard** also admitted that he accessed protected computers without authorization in an attempt to further an intended fraud and to obtain credit cards. Lastly, **Kinnard** pleaded guilty to fraudulently obtaining credit cards to conduct financial transactions to receive things of an aggregate value equal to or exceeding \$1,000.

Kinnard used a name and Social Security number of another person to open credit accounts at a variety of credit card companies, including Household Credit Services, Chase Bankcard Services, Retailers National Bank and Catholic Family Credit Union. **Kinnard** used a personal computer and the Internet to apply for the credit cards, Graves said. As a result of the fraud, **Kinnard** obtained \$32,212.48 from four separate credit cards, Graves said.

Kinnard was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on May 18, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Kinnard** could be subject to sentence of up to 35 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$750,000.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John E. Cowles. The case was

investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Services and the U.S. Secret Service Financial Crimes Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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